

April 2021 Edition

HOUSTON LAKER



Blossoming Red Bud Tree

 Jean Anderson

April Community Calendar Events

March 30th - Recycling and Trash pick up

April 4th -



Happy Easter!

April 6th - General Municipal Election at Heartland Christian Church, 6120 NW Prairie View Road, Kansas City, Mo. 64151.....Time 6:00am to 7:00pm

April 12th - City Council Meeting, 7:30pm, Check the posting at City Hall or Facebook for information if this meeting will be at City Hall or by zoom. We are HOPING to be in person, but it depends on the Platte County directives at that time.

April 21st - Venetian Gardens Homes Association Semi - Annual Meeting, **6:30pm**. The April 21st meeting will be outside of city hall. Members can pick up their 2021 wristband at city hall before the meeting. The wristbands are FREE if your dues are paid. To get your 2021 Wristbands sooner call Homes Association Treasurer, Susan Hodges at 816.786.2377. Guests of Residents must have that Residents 2021 Wristband with them when they are on or around the lake and on Homes Association property.

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Art, Life & Folks Houston Lake Arts Circle= Houston Lake Arts Circle is honored to announce a call for entries to our 7th Annual Art Show **Mask ...**This is a call to residents for their handmade creations in any medium. Let your art be inspired by the theme, Mask. Whether your art is modern, traditional, still or kinetic. **Entry Guidelines** Open to all Houston Lake Residents. All works must be made by the artist. Floor works must be firmly stable and less than 3 sq ft. Wall mounted pieces are limited to 20 lbs, and must be ready to hang. Limit 2 entries per artist. **Exhibit** Performance works performed only at the exhibit opening. Physical art remains on display after the opening. Selected pieces displayed Aug - Feb, remaining pieces displayed March – July. **Registration Dates:** May thru July, **Art Delivery Date:** August 7, 2 - 4pm., **Exhibit:** August 14, 1 - 4pm

Please Note: The General Municipal Election Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 Sample Ballot will be posted on the houstonlake.net Web in the 2021 April newspaper issue.

Any questions call: Platte County Board of Election = 816.858.4400

Platte County Board of Elections, 2600 NW Prairie View Road, P.O. Box 560, Platte City, Missouri 64079

Mask

Call to Artists



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Mask Registration Form (due 7/31/2021)

Please print clearly

Artist:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Art Work

Title:

Approximate size:

Medium (watercolor, yarn, etc):

May we post you and your works on Facebook / Instagram? Yes/No:

The Arts Circle will care for your art, however we aren't responsible if damaged

Mask Artwork Form (attach to back of art)

Artist:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Art Work

Title:

Medium (watercolor, yarn, etc):

The Arts Circle will care for your art, however we aren't responsible if damaged

Important Ballot Issue! Please vote on April 6, 2021

On the ballot April 6, 2021 the voters of the City of Houston Lake, Missouri will be asked to continue the existing special tax levy of 78¢ for fire suppression services for the City of Houston Lake.

This levy has expired and must be readopted by the voters to extend it for an additional four-year period. This levy provides the funding necessary to provide the City of Houston Lake with fire suppression services. If the voters do not choose to continue this levy, it could be devastating to the City's ability to provide fire suppression services.

This levy is not a new tax; it is a continuation of the existing special tax levy. It is important for the voters to understand that this will not increase their levy, but only continue it at the same rate it is today.

The existing special tax levy of 78¢ expired at the end of 2020. By state law this issue must be brought back to the voters every four (4) years in order for it to continue.

The ballot language will read: "Shall the City of Houston Lake continue the existing special tax levy of seventy eight cents (\$.78) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation for an additional period of four (4) years for fire suppression services?"

Yes

No

This issue must be passed by the voters in order for the City to maintain fire suppression services for the City.

If you have any questions regarding the special levy, please contact:

Houston Lake City Council

Pam Freese, Mayor, mayor@houstonlake.net or 816.726.4455

Chuck Stone, Alderman, nw2-alderman@houstonlake.net

Sarah Farsace, Alderman, sw1-alderman@houstonlake.net

Evonne Briones, Alderman, sw2-alderman@houstonlake.net

CITY OFFICIALS
CITY OF HOUSTON LAKE

Mayor = Pam Freese 816-726-4455
(mayor@houstonlake.net)

City Clerk = Sarah Schofield 816-741-0644
(Sschofield@houstonlake.net)

Sewer Grinder Pumps
Sarah Schofield

City Collector = Jean Anderson
(taxcollector@houstonlake.net)

Alderman (Ward 2 No.), Mayor Pro-Tem
Chuck Stone 816-305-3196
(nw2-alderman@houstonlake.net)

Alderman (Ward 2 No.)

(nw1-alderman@houstonlake.net)

Alderwoman (Ward 1 So.)
Sarah Farsace 816-863-2412
(sw1-alderman@houstonlake.net)

Alderman (Ward 1 So.)
Evonne Briones 901-596-6704
(sw2-alderman@houstonlake.net)

Codes Enforcement Officer
Cathy Grove 913-701-7142
(codesenforcement@houstonlake.net)

Platte County Circuit Court Clerk
Kim Johnson = 816-858-2232

Platte County Sheriff
Non emergency 816-858-3521
For emergencies please call 911
Fire Dept. Dispatcher = 816-741-1191
Fire Dept. Admin. = 816-372-9024

VENETIAN GARDENS
HOMES ASSOCIATION (HOA)

President = Kerry Hallowell
816-695-4100 (hallowellkerry2020@gmail.com)

Vice President = Joe Briones
(j.briones.venetian.gardens@gmail.com)

Public Relations Officer = Joe Briones
(hoacommunications@houstonlake.net)

Secretary /Treasurer/ Lake Tags = Susan Hodges
816-786-2377 (hodges.susan@outlook.com)

Board Member = Mary Head
816-741-5639 (maryjewel40@gmail.com)

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Registrar/Editor - Houston Laker = Mary Head
816-741-5639 (editor@houstonlake.net)

Water Quality Officer = Sharron DeLaFuente

Dam/Watershed Officer

Aerator Maintenanc

For more City and Homes Association Info
and the Houston Laker Newspapers go to
www.houstonlake.net

City of Houston Lake City Hall (816)741.0644

ARTICLE II. PERMITS

SECTION 500.100:

BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED

All persons desiring to construct, erect, alter or add to any building, boat dock, fences, road or drive or any structure in the City of Houston Lake, Missouri, must first obtain a building permit for such construction, alteration or addition from the Board of Aldermen of said City. (Ord. No. 282 §2, 10-14-02)

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

All persons desiring to obtain such a permit shall submit an application with the complete plans and specifications and plot plan for such construction showing sizes, estimated cost and details of such proposed construction and the location of such construction upon the plot of land. No new dwelling construction or property line fence construction will be permitted until after certified surveys have been filed with the Board of Aldermen. Certified surveys will be required on all additions to old dwellings where the new construction will be closer to the property line than the old dwelling. (Ord. No. 282 §3, 10-14-02) Applications for a building permit may be obtained by leaving a message at City Hall 816.741.0644 or contacting your Alderman.

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Ordinance 334, Section 230.025

Open Burning for Recreational Purposes

All residents of Houston Lake wishing to apply for an open burning permit can do so by downloading the application on our website Houstonlake.net or you may call city hall and leave your name and phone number. After you have filled out the form, please slip it through the mail slot on the door at City Hall for review and approval by the City Council.

Fire Danger

Over the years, Kansas City has issued several Red Flag Warnings to alert residents against starting fires. Please pay attention to the local news and refrain from starting any fires.

Dumpster Permit is required for all homes in our city. (Ord. no. 359 Section 235.060).

“To All Residents of Houston Lake”

If any resident needs a trash container or a recycling container, call City Hall 816.741.0644 and leave your name, address, phone number and the containers will be delivered to your home. Republic trash has asked that residents not put anything on the curb that cannot fit into your blue trash containers. Also put your container the open end facing the road with the handle facing the house. They are trying to keep their people safe while picking up your trash.

Save the Date

June 5th, 2021

Venetian Gardens Homeowner's Association is hosting a fishing tournament at Houston Lake. No motor boats. All people fishing must follow Missouri law and have their Venetian Gardens Homes Association 2021 wristband. More details on the tournament to come in May's issue.

Venetian Gardens HOA is looking for a volunteer that can provide 10 hours a week making follow up calls to state agencies and supporting board members to assist in filling out state agency documents. Please contact board member Joe Briones.

Dear Residents of Houston Lake,

Venetian Gardens HOA will be applying for a Community Development Block Grant from the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The grant is for the removal of the peninsula in the westside of the lake. To qualify for this grant, the first step is for our community to complete the LMI Survey from the State. The survey is required from each home in Houston Lake and will be reviewed in Jefferson City. A letter of instructions and the survey will be sent to each in home in the next few weeks. Other details, include the survey deadline and the secure drop-off location, will be noted in the letter. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Joe Briones

VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION NEWS

It is with great sadness that I have to announce Jeff Lister's resignation from our HOA board. His contributions to the board and our beautiful community are immeasurable. Thank you Jeff for all you have done for us. You will be greatly missed. We all wish you success with your job promotion and move to the Lake of the Ozarks. I'm sure you will be a huge asset to your new community. Don't forget to come back and visit when you can.

Kerry

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LOOK

If you see any geese nesting please call or email the location to one of the following Homes Association Board members:



President Kerry Hallowell 816.695.4100 (hallowellkerry2020@gmail.com)

Vice-President Joe Briones (j.briones.venetian.gardens@gmail.com)

Public Relations Officer Joe Briones (hoacommunications@houstonlake.net)

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PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GEESE.

Why we do not feed the geese...They become reliant on human food and abandon their natural nutrition sources, which may cause health issues. In addition they become accustomed to human activity and will use the park and beach as their restroom.

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They become reliant on human food and abandon their natural nutrition sources, which may cause health issues. In addition, they become accustomed to human activity and will use the park as their restroom.



Feeding geese and other waterfowl bread and crackers is a common pastime for many adults and children, but many people do not know that this can be harmful to the birds, as well as the environment. Here are several reasons why you should not feed geese and other birds.

Bread, crackers, popcorn, and other high-carbohydrate foods are like junk food to birds. They provide very little nutritional content, and birds that fill up on them will not seek out other, nutritious food. This can cause the birds to become malnourished, which can contribute to a host of health problems for both adults and babies.

Even though you may only choose to feed geese and other birds small amounts of bread or other foods, other families may be doing the same thing. The result could be that the birds' diet consists primarily of unhealthy foods.

If an abundant supply of food is readily available from humans, the geese population will grow because the birds will be attracted to the handouts. This can cause the area to become overcrowded. A supply of easy-to-acquire food will also lead the birds to lay more eggs, which can further contribute to overpopulation.

Feeding geese bread can also contribute to the spread of disease. A diet rich in carbohydrates will cause the birds to defecate more, which can spread bacteria that can contribute to disease. Moldy bread that is not eaten and left on the ground can cause aspergillosis, a lung infection that can be fatal to waterfowl. In addition, rotting bread can attract pests, such as rats, mice, and insects, which can spread disease.

Feeding geese can also pollute the environment. Uneaten bread is unsightly. It can rot and release noxious odors, and it can also lead to the growth of algae, which can clog natural waterways and endanger the health of fish and other wildlife.

Geese and other birds that rely on humans for food lose their natural fear and may place themselves in dangerous situations, such as crossing roads in search of food. They may also become aggressive toward humans who do not provide them with the food they want.

While you may think that you are helping geese by providing them with food, you can be jeopardizing the health of the birds, other animals, and humans, as well as polluting the environment. Wild geese have plenty of healthy food in their habitat to sustain them. Let the geese find food on their own so that they and other animals in the environment can stay healthy.



So, if you are at the beach with children, you can point out geese feces to them with instructions to stay away, and can tell them not to place their hands or fingers into their mouths while they are playing on the beach. Also, they need to wash their hands after leaving the beach and, even more importantly, before eating.

Venetian Gardens Homes Association Watercraft Registration

Boaters: ALL watercraft including kayaks must be registered with the Venetian Gardens Homes Association. To do so, please visit www.venetiangardens.houstonlake.net . Select the downloadable form called “Watercraft Registration”. Completed forms can be emailed to hoacommunications@houstonlake.net or put it in the HOA mail box at City Hall. Once registered, you will be assigned a number which is to be permanently affixed to the stern of the boat along with an annual registration sticker similar to what is used on vehicle license plates. Each year, a new registration sticker will be distributed to watercraft owners when annual Homes Association dues are paid.

Please wear your 2021 wristband while enjoying the lake.

Maximum Horsepower permissible on the lake will be 7 ½ HP. It is recommended that 3 ½ or 5 HP be used. The maximum speed permissible on the lake by outboards will be FIVE (5) miles per HOUR. NO WAKE.



PLEASE NOTE: Houston Lake is dedicated to preventing the spread of Zebra Mussels. The Boat ramp is closed.

No watercraft will be allowed in the lake without being inspected. This process will take 10 days so please plan accordingly. If you want to launch your watercraft (boats,

Kayaks, canoes, pontoons, etc.) into our lake you must contact Joe Briones at hoacommunications@houstonlake.net.

Even if you have lake front property to put your watercraft in you must have it inspected and registered. Now if the watercraft has not left Houston Lake, it does not need to be inspected but it does have to be registered.

**VENETIAN GARDENS HOMES ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION**

OWNERS NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

LOT NUMBER _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

BOAT TYPE _____

MAKE _____

MODEL NUMBER _____

HORSEPOWER _____

Sign and Date _____

Instructions:

Complete application then submit it to the Board of Directors. Application can be emailed to hoacommunications@houstonlake.net or put in the HOA mail box at City Hall, 5417 N.W. Adrian, Houston Lake, Mo. 64151.



Important Notice

Trash Pick-up Day



Blue Lid Trash Cart

Your recycling day will also be on a Tuesday once a month.

Trash carts must be curbside by 7:00 am the day of pick up. Be respectful and remove your cart from curbside when finished. Items must be inside the cart (Not on the ground, not on top – INSIDE). If you need an extra cart, please call City Hall and leave a message with your name, address and phone number. City Hall: 816-741-0644.

For questions relating to your service please call 816-254-1470 between 7:30am – 5:00pm Monday – Friday.

The holidays that Republic Services Trash Company observes are New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. When any of these holidays fall on Monday or Tuesday, your trash pickup will be on Wednesday of that week.

2021 Holiday Schedule

Memorial Day (Monday 5-31-21)
Independence Day (Sunday 7-4-21)
Labor Day (Monday 9-6-21)
Thanksgiving (Thursday 11-25-21)
Christmas (Saturday 12-25-21)
New Years (Saturday 1-1-22)

Pick-up Day

Wednesday 6-2-21
Tuesday 7-6-21
Wednesday 9-8-21
Tuesday 11-23-21
Tuesday 12-28-21
Tuesday 1-4-22

Trash and Recycle Bin Retrieval!

If you have extra Trash or Recycle bins that you are NOT using, the city would like them back! The trash bins are blue with wheels and the recycle bins are blue with yellow lids and wheels. Please call City Hall and leave a message with your name, address and phone number and we will arrange a time to pick up the extra bins. City Hall: 816-741-0644
Thank You!

2021 Recycle Schedule



**Yellow & Green Lid
Recycling Cart**

March 30
April 27
May 25
June 22
July 20
August 17
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 7
January 4, 2022



Items must be inside the cart (**Not on the ground, not on top – inside**). Recycle carts must be curbside by 7:00 am the day of pick up. Be respectful and remove your cart from curbside when finished. If you need an extra cart or would like to recycle, please call City Hall and leave a message with your name, address and phone number. City Hall: 816-741-0644.

I-29 and 56th St. Bridge

- Crews will close all eastbound and westbound lanes of 56th St. underneath I-29 between Roanridge Rd. and Prairie Vied Rd. from 8:00 p.m. Monday, March 15 until Wednesday, Nov. 17 for bridge work
- Crews will close the I-29 ramp northbound to 56th St./Roanridge Rd. from 8:00 p.m. Monday, March 15 until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17 for bridge work
- Crews will reduce northbound and southbound I-29 at the 56th St. Bridge to two lanes from 8:00 p.m. Monday, March 15 until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17 for bridge work
- Crews will close the NW Gateway (Route A) Ramp to I-29 northbound from 8:00 p.m. Monday, March 15 until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17 for bridge work
- Crews will close the I-635 northbound ramp to I-29 northbound from 8:00 p.m. Monday, March 15 until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17 for bridge work

Motorists are encouraged to look for posted detour routes while this project is underway. There are multiple interstate detours available. For southbound I-29 traffic, motorists can take eastbound 152, to southbound 169, and back to I-29.

Project Information Update: 3/5/2021: Please note that the Waukomis Drive Bridge construction will not begin until 2022. Crews will first focus on the I-29 over 56th St. Bridge project.

Project Update: 3/3/2021: Crews will soon begin construction of the new I-29 over 56th St. Bridge. Look for Message Boards with warning signs that construction is to begin. More complete details on road and ramp closures will come later.

ONLINE PUBLIC MEETING: The Missouri Department of Transportation invites you to take part in an online public information meeting, beginning Monday, Oct. 26, and continuing until Monday, Nov. 9, regarding the replacement of two bridges along the Interstate 29 corridor in Platte County, MO. Please scroll down to the comment form below after reviewing the project information and plans.

Project Goal: MoDOT will be replacing the I-29 Bridge over 56th St. and the Waukomis Drive Bridge in Platte County. The two bridges have reached their projected service life.

How will this project benefit me? This project will provide two new and safer bridges. It will also add sidewalk/share use path and lighting underneath the bridges. A left turn lane will be added to 56th Street and Waukomis Drive/Rte AA for additional traffic safety.

What is the time line for this project? Both bridge projects are anticipated to begin in spring of 2021 and expected to be completed by the spring of 2023.

How will this project impact traffic? In order to minimize impacts on I-29 traffic, some ramps and roads will be closed during different phases. Detours will be in place during construction.

What will this project cost? How will the project be funded? The construction cost for these two projects is approximately \$7 Million dollars and is funded with MoDOT funding.

For Your Information

Attention Cat and Dog Owners, Proof of Vaccinations due May 1, 2021



The owner or keeper of any dog or cat in the City of Houston Lake is hereby required to have such animals vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian and to procure a certificate of such vaccination from the veterinarian and to present such certificate to the City Clerk on or before May first (1st) of each year; and the City Clerk shall register such certificate, which registration shall remain in force until April thirtieth (30th) next following said registration. A certificate of vaccination can be given to any City Official or placed in the mail slot at City Hall on the door. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog or cat to permit such animal to remain in the City of Houston Lake unless vaccinated as above provided. (Section 205.020: Vaccination)

Feral Cat - If you see a Feral Cat on the Lake that you are concerned is not Spayed or Neutered, please contact City Hall 816.741.0644 to be put in contact with our local vet. We will coordinate to set a trap for capture.

Please note that this program is NOT for domestic cats. Any other animal concerns should go through the Platte County non-emergency line 816-858-3521

Fishing:

It shall be unlawful for any person to pursue, take, transport, ship, buy, sell, possess or use any fish from any body of water within the City without possessing a valid fishing permit issued by the Missouri Department of Conservation. This section shall not apply to any person 65 years of age or older or is 15 years of age or younger. (Section 210.690 Municipal Code)

Parking:

No vehicle shall be parked on any street within the city limits of Houston Lake, MO. (Chapter 300 - Schedule II, Municipal Code)

All-Terrain Vehicles:

No person shall operate an All-Terrain Vehicle upon the streets of this city. (Section 340.110 Municipal Code)

Houston Lake Neighbor Watch: Someone has been vandalizing mail boxes around Houston Lake. If you see someone doing this please notify the Platte **County Sherriff's Office at: (816) 858-3521**. Mailboxes are not toys to be played with. According to the United States Post Office, **mailboxes** and anything contained in them are considered **Federal Property. Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1705, makes it A crime to vandalize, injure, deface, or destroy any mailbox as well as any mail that may be inside.**



City Council Meeting
February 08, 2021
Held Via Zoom due to Covid-19 Restrictions

The Council of the City of Houston Lake met in regular session on February 08, 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Opening Session: Mayor Freese called the meeting to order at 7:34pm

The following members were present: Alderman Evonne Briones, Alderman Sarah Farsace, Alderman Chuck Stone, Mayor Pam Freese Absent: Alderman Otte – due to health

Public Discussion – None

Minutes 01.11.2021-

Motion to approve minutes to 01.11.2021 with edit and approve tonight's amended agenda made by Alderman Stone, Second by Alderman Farsace. Yes: Farsace, Stone, Briones No: None Motion carries.

Burning Permits – None

Building Permit - None

Note: Please submit all applications for burn permit or building permit to City Hall 10 days prior to the meeting for consideration. Those applications not received 10 days prior to a meeting will not be considered until the following months City Council Meeting. Applications can be deposited in the mailbox at the front of the building.

Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept treasurer's report for February 8, 2021 made by Alderman Briones, second by Alderman Stone.

Yes: Stone, Briones, Farsace No: None Motion carries

Collectors Report

City Collectors report is included with the official packet.

Paybills – Resolution 02.08.2021

Motion to approve Resolution 02.08.2021 made by Alderman Briones, second by Alderman Stone Yes: Farsace, Stone, Briones
Motion carries

Emergency Management

Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Taylor – Report included with the packet; presentation given.

Sheriff's Department – Deputy not present- report included with packet. Clarification given for previous months calls

Codes Report – January 2020 – Report is included with packet, report given by codes officer.

Venetian Garden Homes Association Report – Report given by Joseph Briones, dues letter sent out. Dues will be \$450, due March 2nd HOA met and composed letter to the city council, re: Short Term Rentals.

Old Business – Short Term Rentals – Continued discussion on Short Term Rentals.

Mayor Freese will reach out to attorney to find the cost of the having them attend a meeting to answer questions on the legal issues of this issue.

Motion made by Alderman Briones to hire Kulman, Reddock & Sullivan for the specific use of the issue of Short-Term Rentals,

Second made by Alderman Stone Discussion held Role Call: Alderman Farsace – Aye Alderman Stone – Aye

Alderman Briones – Aye Motion passes. Mayor Freese will contact Kulman, Reddock and Sullivan to start this process.

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New Business –

- **Planning and Zoning Commission –**
 - Discussion on establishing a P&Z Commission
 - Advertisement to go into the laker- need 7-15 members, minimum of 5 to be citizens
 - Alderman Briones will begin the formation of the committee as the Alderperson Representative
 - Any interested citizen should attend March's meeting and we will select citizens
- **Eliminating North and South Wards**
 - MO Statue 79.060 establishes that cities under 1000 people may choose to elect Alderman at Large.
 - This would be done by ordinance
 - Postponed to March 2021 meeting
- **Staffing – City Collector and Website Administrator**
 - Has given notice – she will be leaving the lake late spring.
 - Responsible for collection of the checks from the box and depositing. Once a month collect and deposit checks, once a year responsible for spreadsheet for taxes.
 - Web Administrator – need 2 people for the HOA and City website
 - Positions will be posted in The Laker

Alderman Reports

Alderman Briones – Has been looking into sewer smells, will investigate farther
City Directory – made by city collector, looking into updating
Minutes – suggests speaking with new web administrator to post the final minutes
Large pothole at Mayors park – will have gravel put in

Alderman Stone – Thank you to Board for water leak for resident, able to fast track a permit.
Contractor who did clearing of the brush – missed cleanup on Edgewood Trail, has been contacted. He will continue to follow up
Looking into updates on the Foot Bridge and Spillway Bridge

Alderman Farsace – Continued thoughts for Alderman Otte
Resident received letter from Missouri American Water for waterway insurance, looking into this.

Mayors Report –

- Signed Insurance contract for renewal, rate remained the same
- Roads – Alderman Stone is working on watershed grant to get a piece fixed on Adrian, as the grating will effect the watershed to direct it to the silt pond and away from the lake.

- Email received from Trash Co – it may be delayed, but please take them to the road as normal.
- Budget – Road salting and plowing, we have used half of this in December and January of the \$7000 budget. Will likely go over budget and need to figure out where to pull resources from.

Adjournment -

Alderman Briones motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Stone second.
Yes: Farsace, Briones, Stone

Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm by Mayor Freese.

Next Meeting will be held Monday March 8, 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom unless posted otherwise

Instructions

Completely fill in the target next to the candidate or question response of your choice like this: ●

If you do not see the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote, darken the target opposite the write-in line and print the name of the candidate on the write-in line provided.

If you are in favor of the question, completely fill in the target opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, completely fill in the target opposite "NO".

NOTE: The ballot reading device in use is designed to only record votes cast as a filled in target. There can be no erasures, stray marks, check marks, or cross outs on the ballot. If you make an error marking the ballot, see an Election Judge to receive a replacement ballot.

Park Hill School District

For School Board Member

(Vote for TWO)

- Kyla Yamada
- Kimberlee Nicole Ried
- Tammy M. Thompson
- Alberto Rivera
- Brandy Maltbia Woodley
- Jay H. Blumenthal
- Write-in
- Write-in

Houston Lake

For Mayor

(Vote for ONE)

- Chuck Stone
- Write-in

For Alderman South Ward 1

(Vote for ONE)

- Evonne C. Briones
- Write-in

Question

Should the City of Houston Lake, Missouri continue the existing special tax levy of seventy-eight cents (\$00.78) per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for an additional period of four (4) years for fire suppression services?

- YES
- NO

Platte County Health Department

For Trustee - Unexpired term

(Vote for ONE)

- David Park
- Doug Jones
- Jeffrey Kingsley
- Write-in

**If you live on
Edgewater Trail,
Edgewood Trail,
Edgewood Circle,
Wagon Trail,
Wagon Trail Circle or
Johnson Trail**

You vote from this page.

Cast your Official Ballot at the
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6120 NW Prairie View Road
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Time 6:00am to 7:00pm.

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(816) 858-4400**

Instructions

Completely fill in the target next to the candidate or question response of your choice like this: ●

If you do not see the name of the candidate for whom you wish to vote, darken the target opposite the write-in line and print the name of the candidate on the write-in line provided.

If you are in favor of the question, completely fill in the target opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, completely fill in the target opposite "NO".

NOTE: The ballot reading device in use is designed to only record votes cast as a filled in target. There can be no erasures, stray marks, check marks, or cross outs on the ballot. If you make an error marking the ballot, see an Election Judge to receive a replacement ballot.

Platte County Health Department

For Trustee - Unexpired term

(Vote for ONE)

- David Park
- Doug Jones
- Jeffrey Kingsley
- Write-in

Park Hill School District

For School Board Member

(Vote for TWO)

- Kyla Yamada
- Kimberlee Nicole Ried
- Tammy M. Thompson
- Alberto Rivera
- Brandy Maltbia Woodley
- Jay H. Blumenthal
- Write-in
- Write-in

Houston Lake

For Mayor

(Vote for ONE)

- Chuck Stone
- Write-in

For Alderman North Ward 2

(Vote for ONE)

- Teena Walker-Robin
- Write-in

Question

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- YES
- NO

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REQUEST FOR MISSOURI ABSENTEE BALLOT

I, _____, do hereby request an absentee ballot for the
Printed name

_____ Election.
Election Date

For identification purposes, the last four digits of my social security number are: _____.

If this is a primary election, please print the name of the political party ballot you wish to receive: _____.

Reason for requesting an absentee ballot:

- _____ Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which I am registered
- _____ Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability
- _____ Religious belief or practice
- _____ Employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than my polling place
- _____ Incarceration, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications for voting
- _____ Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns.

Address where I am registered to vote:

(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Address where ballot is to be mailed:

(Street Address or PO Box)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Telephone number: _____
(Include Area Code)

I do solemnly swear that all statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Registered Voter

Date

Mail this completed form to your local election authority. Addresses can be found [on the Missouri Secretary of State's website](#). Missouri law requires that requests for absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday prior to Election Day if the ballot is mailed. The deadline for absentee voting in person in the office of the election authority is 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. If you registered by mail and this is your first time voting, you must provide a copy of either: (1) an ID issued by the Federal Government, state of Missouri, or a local election authority; (2) ID issued by a Missouri institution (public or private) of higher education; or (3) a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that contains your name and address.

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Email me maryjewel40@gmail.com

Or put this questionnaire in the mail slot that is on the front door of City Hall, a simple yes or no will do.

Thank You Mary Head, Editor

Mary Head – Editor of the Houston Laker

Please put your address down if you say yes, so we make sure you get the Houston Laker Newspaper.

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